

On Cornish 'n and English dialect en/un

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A literature survey of prior research on 3SG.MASC English dialect en/un was carried out, with clarifications and additional questions raised pertinent to the use of this pronoun in English dialect in Cornwall. A statistical survey of the middle Cornish corpus was carried out, reporting findings about the use of certain instances of infixes, in chronological, textual and geographical terms – including the relative preponderance of 3SG.MASC 'n. The use of infixes in the later Cornish corpus was discussed, examining 3SG.MASC 'n among others. Circumstantial evidence was found, but no conclusive proof of 3SG.MASC English dialect en/un being a substratal reflex of Cornish 3SG.MASC 'n.